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SUBJECT: MAINICHI NEWS ITEM

FOLLOWING ITEM APPEARED IN BOTH JAPANESE AND ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS OF MAY 12. QUOTE: WASHINGTON, MAY 11, CORRESPONDENT KOMORI- A RELIABLE U.S. GOVERNMENT SOURCE REVEALED ON MAY 11 THAT PRESIDENT CARTER, THROUGH DEPUTY TO UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE NYE, CLEARLY DELIVERED TO THE JAPANESE SIDE THE POLICY THAT THE U.S. IS UNABLE TO APPROVE NEW CONTRACTS ON THE REPROCESSING OF JAPAN'S SPENT FUEL BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE. AN EXPLANATION FROM THE SAME SOURCE SAID THAT, WHEN THE U.S. IS OPPOSING THE SHIPMENT OF SPENT FUEL EVEN IN EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE, IT IS A NATURAL LOGICAL CONCLUSION THAT THE U.S. IS UNABLE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACTS WHICH PROVIDE FOR PERIODIC TRANSPORTATION AND REPROCESSING COVERING EIGHT LONG YEARS. THE SAME SOURCE SAID, QUOTE THE U.S. IS NOT IN POSITION TO TELL JAPAN NOT TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE. BUT, THE U.S. CANNOT APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR FUEL WHICH WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACTS.... THE SOURCE SAID DEFINITELY THAT THE U.S. POLICY OF NOT APPROVING THE LONG-RANGE REPROCESSING PROGRAM WILL PROBABLY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE TWO-MONTH PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS.

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MITI AND THE UTILITY INDUSTRY ARE SUPRISED AT THIS UNEXPECTED STATE OF THINGS. THEY ARE SAYING THAT IT IS ILLOGICAL OF THE U.S. TO SAY THAT IT WOULD NOT OPPOSE THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS BUT WOULD NOT PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF SPENT FUEL. MITI SAYS, THIS IS A DISCRIMINATING STEP OF APPLYING PRESSURE TO JAPAN WITHOUT IRRITATING BRITAIN AND FRANCE. MITI INTENDS TO CONFIRM THE U.S. REAL INTENTION

THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. UNQUOTE.
TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER COMPANYQUERIED EMBASSY REGARDING
VALIDITY AFTER HAVING CONTACTED KOMORI. REQUEST COMMENT
ON VALIDITY.
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